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North Dakota Department of Health Launches New Website For Public Health Volunteers

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health has launched a new website for registration of volunteers who will assist during a public health emergency, according to Brenda Vossler, director of the Division of Hospital Preparedness for the North Dakota Department of Health.

The Public Health Emergency Volunteer Reserves/Medical Reserve Corps (PHEVR/MRC) is a group of volunteers, both medical and nonmedical, who volunteer to help provide assistance during a public health emergency. The new website and registration program gives volunteers a chance to register their contact information, select options about where they would like to volunteer and select the roles they are able to fill.

“It’s very important that people interested in volunteering take the time to register on the website,” Vossler said. “Knowing how many volunteers we have and what their special skills and talents are allows us to plan much more efficiently for an emergency. It also ensures that volunteers have received proper training, and that licensure checks for medical volunteers are completed. If all this is complete before an emergency, we can place that volunteer in a position quickly when needed.”

Anyone interested in volunteering should visit www.ndhealth.gov/EPR/volunteer. Those who have previously registered with PHEVR/MRC should visit the new website to confirm their commitment to the program. After registering, volunteers will be asked to complete online training and also will have the chance to participate in free trainings in other disaster-related topics.

For more information about the PHEVR/MRC volunteer program, please contact Brenda Vossler, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.2748.

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